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## The New China Mail

ON Wednesday, November 1, the China Mail will cease to be published as a morning daily, and, under the management of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., will become the Colony's only English-language full-sized evening paper.

The new China Mail will be the sort of afternoon paper which the English-reading public of Hongkong have long wanted—12 pages in size and crammed with international and local news as well as innumerable features possessing special reading value.

Here is what the new China Mail will contain:

- Four pages of spot news, including reports of local events.
- Two sports pages, with particular emphasis on Hongkong sports.

- The fourth volume of Winston Churchill's war memoirs—"The Hinge Of Fate".

- A remarkable series of special articles dealing with one of the greatest mysteries of the world since the end of the Second World War—The Flying Saucer.

- Gerald Heard, in the course of an investigation, has collected data and evidence on the subject and it makes absorbing, at times even startling reading.

- Cartoons and comic strips: The China Mail will contain cartoons by internationally famous David Low, Giles and Cummings, Gibb's, "Side Glances," the inimitable "Dumb-Bells," "Pocket Castles," and the following popular comic strips: "Mandrake," "Johnny Hazard," and "Pop".

- A daily Women's Page.

- A daily section for the children.

- Contract Bridge and Chess problems.

- The latest commercial and financial news of the day.

- The new China Mail which, starting next Wednesday, will be published shortly after 3 p.m., will be indispensable to anybody who desires an informative and entertaining newspaper.

## 'People's Troops' Advance 96 Miles Into Tibet

### NATIVE ARMY LED BY CHINESE COMMUNISTS

Kalimpong, Northern Bengal, Oct. 29.

Tibetan "People's troops" officered by Chinese Communist commanders and accompanied by Chinese Communist political advisers have advanced 96 miles inside Tibetan territory, according to a Tibetan trader who has just arrived here from Lhasa.

The troops were advancing from Jyekundo along the Nakghu-Lhasa route, he added.

He left Lhasa on Thursday and said that then the "People's troops" had advanced "deep into Tibet."

The trader said that no Chinese forces had entered inner Tibet.

Tibetan "People's troops" were also reported to have advanced from Jyekundo to Riwoche on the River Oechu (a trading town near the Eastern frontier of Tibet on the caravan route to Lhasa), by-passing the south-western fortress of Chamdo.

## Detained Ship Fishing Again

Hull, Yorkshire, Oct. 29.

The owners of the Hull trawler, the *Hugh Walpole*, reported today that their vessel had resumed fishing after being released from detention in a Russian port.

A radio message from the trawler's captain, H. Clayton, said: "Delayed by Russians for eight days. All crew on board. Proceeding fishing again."

A Russian gunboat arrested the *Hugh Walpole* on October 21 in the White Sea fishing grounds. The *Hugh Walpole* was escorted into the Russian port of Vladivostok on the northern coast, fined 300 roubles on a charge that she was fishing in territorial waters, and all her catch confiscated.—Reuter.

These troops had not gone beyond Riwoche, the trader said, but had taken up positions blocking Chamdo fortress, garrisoned by Tibetan Government troops in division strength.

This would place the "People's troops" in a position by which they could prevent any aid being given by the Chamdo garrison to Lhasa.

The trader said that the journey between Jyekundo and Lhasa would take about 10 days.

Jyekundo is one of the operational bases of the Chinese Second Field Army, the other being at Batang, in Sikkim Province, about 130 miles southeast of Chamdo.

He considered it unlikely that Tibetan Government troops would offer any resistance since the "People's troops" were heading for the Tibetan capital in the name of the Panchen Lama, reported to be in Numbun Monastery in Tsinhai, Western China, surrounded by Communist advisers.

The Panchen Lama's predecessor had gone to China with a disident group following differences with the 13th Dalai Lama.—Reuter.

## NEW INDIAN VIEW

New York, Oct. 29. India's permanent delegate to the United Nations said here today that the Indian Government may take the position that if the Chinese Communists had been seated in the United Nations, as India had advocated, the Communist invasion of Tibet might not have taken place.

In an interview with the Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent Larry Leasure, Sir Benegal Rau said that he had no official confirmation of the invasion, but added: "It is quite possible that my Government may take the view that if the new Government of China had been seated in the United Nations, the very fact that it might have been called upon to account for its actions before a world tribunal might have deterred any invasion."—Reuter.

## SCIENTIST ARRESTED

Menden, British Zone.

The German rocket scientist, Walter Zimmermann, was arrested here tonight on a warrant issued at Goettinger yesterday, the West German news agency, DPA, reported.

He was detained yesterday, but was released after examination.

Zimmermann, aged 36, disappeared four weeks ago. The police at first suspected that he might have been kidnapped by the Russians from whose Zone of Germany he fled after the war.

He was employed in the British Zone at a new electrical plant for special high-frequency apparatus.

The police said that a special two-man team, which was missed from the plant the day he disappeared, they said that his disappearance had no "international background."

Zimmermann has protested and said that he had not committed an act endangering state security, DPA reported. The police at Dortmund said he had registered with the police at Menden on September 28 and had since been working there, the report added.—Reuter.

## Quizzed By Newsmen



Left to right: Ralph Izzard (Daily Mail), Monty Parrott (Reuter), Frank Owen (Daily Express), and Major John Willoughby (1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.). Willoughby, just back from battle patrol in Korea is quizzed by the newsmen. The battle was going on the other side of the hillcrest.

## Making Housework Easier

### INVESTIGATION BY SCIENTISTS

London, Oct. 29. British housewives will soon be visited by scientists, who will ask to watch the women at their chores. And as they tackle their most tiring tasks—lifting buckets from sink to floor, carrying coal and mangle the weekly wash—the scientists will take notes.

For back in their laboratories the experts will perform the same tasks and measure the amount of energy used—or wasted—and try to work out easier ways of doing the job.

The investigation, which will be financed by the Government, aims to reduce the fatigue that harasses millions of women.

Professor G. P. Crowder, of the London School of Hygiene, who is carrying out the investigation for the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, said:

"It is no use our just staying in the laboratory. We have got to watch actual people at work. Each woman runs her work a different way. Some for instance, do all the washing on Monday morning, others spread it over the week."

The "fatigue" investigation is part of an overall effort to harness science to home tasks, which was started recently by the Ministry of Works.—Reuter.

## Korea: New Advance

### By British PENETRATE MOUNTAIN

Tokyo, Oct. 29.

British Commonwealth forces, covered by an intense air bombardment, cracked the western corner of the Communist mountain hideout in North Korea today.

They advanced on positions manned by groups of the 17th Communist Brigade, who had been ordered to fight to the death to protect the coastal approaches to the northern border stronghold of Sinuiju, according to front-line reports.

United States fighters and bombers made one of the fiercest attacks of the campaign to smash opposing armour before Commonwealth troops battled their way tonight into Chongju, 60 miles east of Sinuiju, where the Northern Government has fled.

On the east coast, 27,000 infantry men of the United States Seventh Division made an unopposed landing at Wonsan, about 10 miles from Manchuria and 100 air miles above Wonsan. Over 50 ships took part.

Communists, in a savage, pre-dawn attack drove the South Koreans out of the hotly disputed town of Okjong for the second time in four days. Casualties were reported to be heavy.

The Southerners regrouped and struck back tonight when a fierce battle was raging in the town.

**BATTALION DESTROYED**  
Other fighting was going on close by at Unsan and at Tchon where the United States 24th Division destroyed a Communist battalion and was advancing westwards towards Kusong.

Intelligence officers estimated total Communist casualties at 33,000 up to today. The Communists were estimated to have about 37,000 troops, including stragglers, remaining in Korea.

The officers repeated earlier statements that there was no indication of open intervention by Chinese Communists, though unconfirmed reports had said that they were taking part in the Onjong fighting.

A line of Soviet and high-altitude carrier-borne Corsair planes today to a well-camouflaged Communist stronghold hidden in the mountains, and capable (Contd. on Page 5 Col. 4)

## French Abandon Yet Another Tongkin Fortress

Saigon, Oct. 29.

A French spokesman today announced the evacuation of Dinhlap, a fortress 120 miles north-east of Hanoi, because of its bad geographical situation. He said the fortress was menaced by the surrounding hills and Communist forces mobilising north and northwest of Dinhlap.

The garrison withdrew to a new fortress "some miles" to the southeast without fighting, the spokesman said. He added that the civilian population had been completely evacuated from Laokay, western anchor of the French defence line protecting Hanoi.

The spokesman said the French evacuated communications of Laokay with the outside world from cut. He denied reports that troops had been withdrawn from Laokay, but added: "The High Command will take all measures necessary to save the lives of the Laokay garrison. It is not considered an important enough fortress to justify defending it unconditionally."

The spokesman said French troops were holding out against the Communist attack which began on Friday but that the Communists were growing stronger and stronger, and threatening.

### ACROSS RIVER?

About one mile south of Perquin, Communist forces backed by mortars were attacking the French entrenchment at the river fork. French planes renewed their bombing of rebel concentrations along the east bank of the Red River southeast of Laokay, where Vietnamese rafts were spotted. The spokesman said some Vietnamese troops "might" already have crossed the river, but that the French firmly controlled river areas west and south of Laokay, where no engagements were reported.

The Communists also attacked the village of Hoanhom, about 25 miles northeast of Dinhlap. In other sectors, Communists attacked a village near Hanoi and inflicted "some losses" on defending troops. Sabotaged reservoirs near Cap St Jacques, 40 miles southeast of Saigon, blasted two French watch towers in Southern Indo-China and sabotaged two bridges.

The spokesman said French forces, backed by artillery, killed six Communists and took many prisoners in a sweep through the Anson forest. He said floods continued to hamper military operation in Central Indo-China.

American Navy pilots will teach the French how to fly the 40 Helicot planes which arrived in Saigon on Saturday aboard the French aircraft carrier *Diamide*, it was disclosed.

## EDITORIAL

### Colony's Travel Facilities

THE Colony's facilities and conditions for travel are, for the most part good. Nothing during the past six months has been more striking than the improvement in the Star Ferry services. The Company now operates a genuine five-minute service at any given time of the day, and its employees handle the vast rush-hour crowds intelligently and expeditiously. It can be acknowledged that at the present time the Star Ferry services are as good as they have ever been and only the most carping of critics will deny the Company the credit it deserves for this happy state of affairs. In Kowloon the fleet of double-decker buses has made road travel much more comfortable and easier and the bus company maintains an excellent time table. Kowloon, too, is especially well served by its ubiquitous taxis which are cheap and fast. On the island the tram and bus companies face greater difficulties in catering to the public's needs for quick and ready transport, and while there appears to be an inordinate number of public cars on the city streets it is not always simple for travellers to obtain immediate transport. One measure which might contribute toward easing the problem would be the presence of small taxis plying the level areas of the island. They could be beneficial in two other respects: they would not require so much parking space as the present goliath taxis and, because their fares are cheaper, they would help the purses of those who, unable to board "Full" buses and trams, have still to get somewhere in a hurry. The stock objection to small taxis on the island appears to be that they are unable to climb its "mountain roads." Yet the little British cars can be seen every day

of the week racing up the slopes to Repulse Bay, or on the Kowloon side, bound full speed for Fanling over the "slight rise" en route. In fact, with their gears expertly handled, they have been known to beat the big American models on these climbs because of their quicker getaway after a slow-up. With the present overtaxed transport facilities on the island it is time that something official was done about allowing small taxis to operate within as well as outside the city area. The ordinary trams and buses cannot, with all the will in the world, cope with demands even after the peak rush hours. Possibly the ideal type of public hire car for the island would be the London taxicab—that compact little job of work which requires the minimum of parking space, is extremely manoeuvrable, can carry four passengers at a time (and the present small taxis in the Colony are permitted to carry only three) and has a separate luggage container alongside the driver. Moreover, these sturdy cars can tackle stiff hills with no trouble, have low petrol consumption and, even in London, are today still cheap travel. The island seems to be entitled to a type of public car other than the existing giant taxis which take up far too much parking space and must, of necessity, charge higher fares than the small taxis in Kowloon. There has been considerable evidence these last two or three years of real interest being shown by the Traffic Department toward the improvement of traffic control within the city, but for some unknown reason this major point of smaller and cheaper taxis has apparently been overlooked. We commend the subject to the Authorities.

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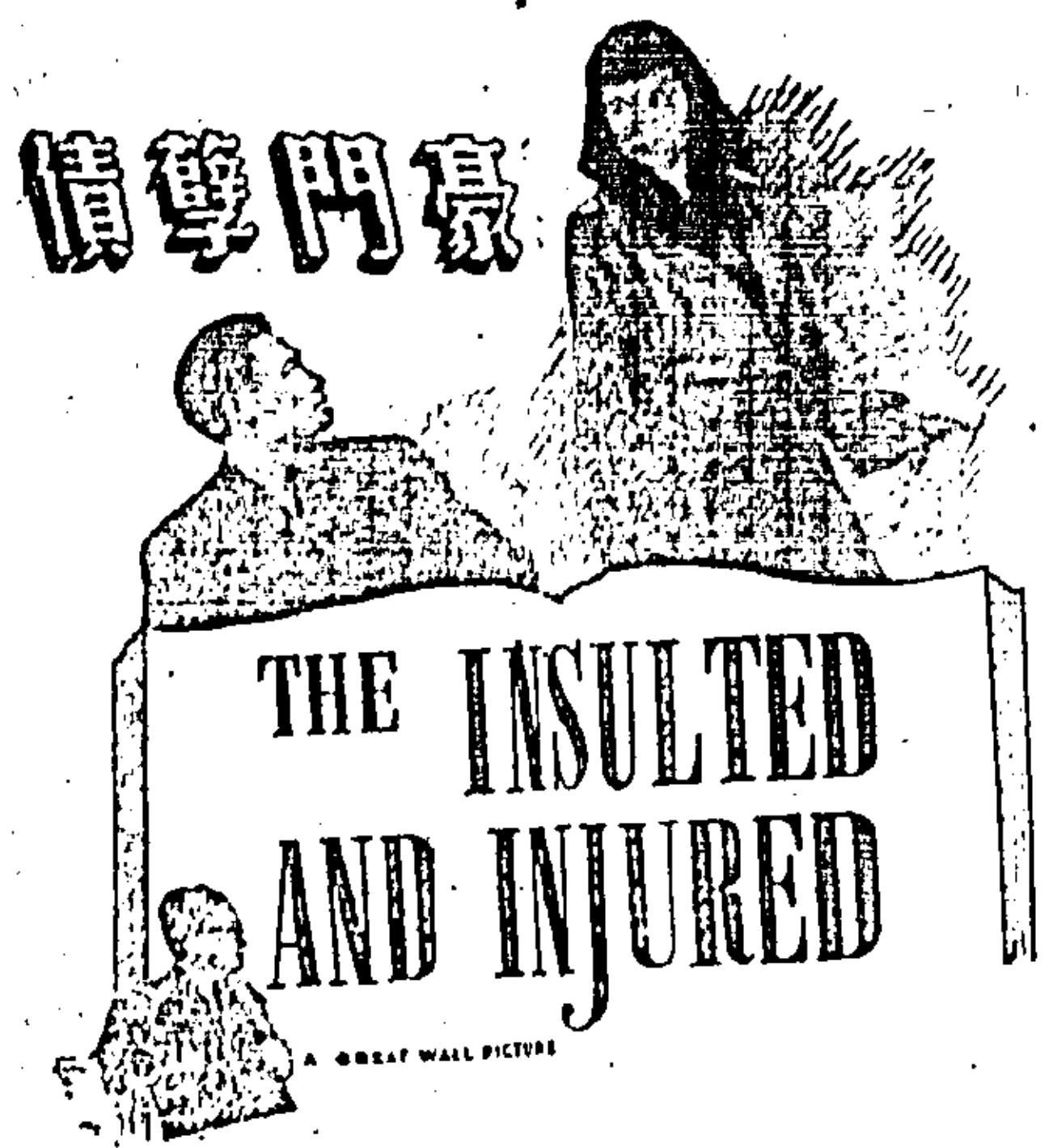
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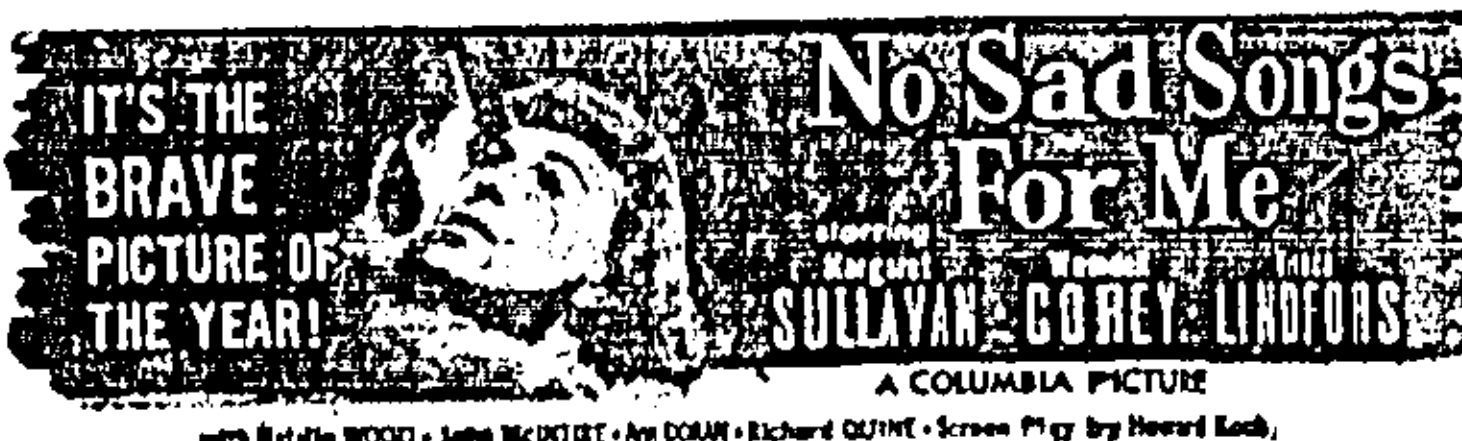
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## Let's Eat

BY  
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## Delicious Dinner From A Tin

A BRIEF stop in Hawaii in the late evening to service and refuel the plane. Just long enough to visit an Hawaiian sandwich bar for coffee and delicious tomato and avocado sandwiches, put together with a snappy-seasoned mayonnaise.

A sturdy barefooted Polynesian had finished his job on the plane and was resting in the shade of a palm tree.

"What food do you like best?" I asked.

"We like the tinned food," he smiled.

"Just like America," chuckled the Chef.

In the plane again on our way to the Fiji Islands, the Chef and I planned an entire dinner from tinned and packaged foods that you might keep on hand to use when unexpected guests arrive.

## Dinner From Tinned And Packaged Foods

Chilled Citrus Juice  
Lobster au gratin or  
Corned Beef Hash Jardiniere  
Hot Rolls Butter Peas  
Hot Salad Vinaigrette Sauce  
Jellied Peach Squares  
Ginger Snaps  
Coffee, Tea or Milk

All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four  
Lobster Au Gratin

Place the contents of 1 (7-oz.) tin of lobster, and 1 (3-oz.) tin of corned beef hash, and 1 (3-oz.) tin of peas in a large bowl. Add 1 1/2 cups of thick white sauce seasoned

With 1 tbsp. mayonnaise and 1 tsp. lemon juice. Spoon into four 6" glass pie plates. Cover with grated cheese; heat and brown in a moderate oven.

Corned Beef Hash Jardiniere  
Chill 2 tins corned beef hash. Open at both ends. Slide the hash onto a platter; cut into eight sections; brown in a hot oven. Serve with heated drained mixed vegetables.

## Trick of the Chef

Press a slice of pickle into the top of each piece of hash before heating.

Evening Dress In  
The Paris Way

DESIGNERS and manufacturers of evening dresses returning from Paris collections found much to interest them this season. Colour features (especially in the Far East purples, reds, pinks), more long dresses, more slim silhouettes, and rich jewel-like decorations are singled out as especially interesting for adaptation. In previous interviews, some felt the designers were growing impatient of the real ensemble for evening, using a short fitted cloak over a short gown, or a very formal satin-lined velvet dress covering gowns of the same satin as the lining.

Among the daytime clothes designers like are jersey dresses and outfits in sombre tweeds. The graceful and elegant look of the clothes and the simple silhouette of the dresses made big impression. Tunic and the way Paris "added" to the sheath to cover figure faults are well suited to the larger figure. Embellishes and the diagonally pleated or tucked dresses as well as long lines. Set of buttons and slightly padded shoulders are welcome returns. In sleeves and slightly noted include golden browns and deep grey tones. Rich reds and the use of black and browns together were impressive.

## Reversed Fashion



By PRUNELLA WOOD

THIS department can't be too enthusiastic about this coat of Bruno's, which is an aristocrat if ever there was one, in a fashion field which too often turns out bulky rather than pedigreed looking models. The coat is of Rodier wool fabric, soft gray with a saffron yellow and black checked inner surface, and its only ornamentation, whichever side is worn outermost, is the series of tabs which fasten pockets and neckline.

Loose and rangy, but without any tent-like over generosity, without any Dracula dramatics, it is a winner for town or country, for the traveller's comfort.

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COLOUR SCHEMES

By ELEANOR ROSS

play in America one-room has walls painted in burnt orange, the sort of colour that one would expect to see in a posh setting. The same shade is used for the shaggy cotton rug.

Lined oak furniture and black lacquered chairs tone down somewhat the brilliant colouring. The area is a big one, and designed for living and dining. A triangular corner table has side panels of striated plywood that open up to disclose storage space sufficient for bedding. Flanking the table are foam rubber couch-beds fitted with non-sagging springs instead of webbing. These are covered with tailored, zippered covers of cotton-blended in navy, blue, orange, beige and brown. Two bookcases and a desk lined up against one of the couch-beds divide the dining from the living area. These have backs covered with plywood painted to tone with the granite walls.

Then there is a smartly simple living-dining room that offers some colourful ideas. The basic colour scheme is pale gray with turquoise and white. The furniture is in pale honey walnut. Shells are beautifully used as necessary pieces, such as large abalone shells for fruit dishes and a large white flower-like shell on the mantelpiece.

A three-foot partition that runs around three sides of the dining area and that is built up to ceiling height, where it joins the living area, to form a bookshelf, completely divides the living and dining sections of this room. A loosely hand-woven drapery of gray and silver with turquoise and white, bridges the gap between the ceiling and the top of this partition half-wall, and it may be drawn to completely close off the living room side. Lights are set into the frosted glass tops of the bookshelf-unit, that is painted a soft gray, as is the partition.

WITH most of the family in a mad scramble to get bathed, dressed and ready for the day, the bathroom can and generally does look a wreck by 9 a.m.

The only answer to what is a problem in so many households, is to insist that each member of the family do a tidy-up job after use. Provide the right clean-up tools in handy places and insist that these be used. Keep a brush for scrubbing out the

basin hanging just below the basin where but a quick reach and no extra steps are necessary. A short-handled mop, handy in a corner or closet, makes it easy to swab up the splashes promptly. See that a brush for scrubbing out the tub is kept right beside the tub. A jar of soapy water kept always handy for use in the bathroom saves time for everybody. Takes but a minute, with the right aids, to do a decent mop-up job.

It's wise to check on family practices and even to set a few bathroom courtesy rules. At the same time, it's a good idea to remind the family that this courtesy should not be extended to public washrooms. It has been said by train porters, building superintendents and service station attendants that women are the worst offenders, leaving soap in the basin, dirty streaks around the bowl, lip-smacked towels on the floor or just left at the edge of the basin. We must admit that this is a poor reflection on the mothers, wives, and housekeepers. It's polite to treat the stranger who will use the public washroom next just as you would do the family member who shares the use of the home bathroom. Travellers should help maintain and encourage high standards of public cleanliness just as they do in the home.

It's going to be hard to resist the siren song of velvet this autumn, what with beautiful velvet fabrics available in every price level. The best velvet dresses are those that use the luscious fabric in simple handling. Crushed permanently-pleated black velvet is cut on tailored lines for an effective daytime dress. Pearl stud earrings and collar and cuffs of white silk make fetching accents, yet in keeping with the essential simplicity of the design. The collar and cuffs are detachable.

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Mary Brooks PickenSewing for Smartness—How  
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Buy Right Notions  
Buy the notions that are needed—the right zipper or buttons, seam binding, matching thread—because the style can be held or lost in assembling the essentials.

If your fabric is limp, lay it over paper to stiffen. The needle cuts paper away, making it easy to remove. Sit down at your machine right now and try this and see for yourself what it does, especially for chiffon, lace, jersey and crepe.

Adjust machine stitch so it is right in length for your fabric and purpose. If you are stitching finely-woven silk, linen, cotton or rayon, you need a short stitch.

Plan what you will make. Study magazines and newspapers, fashion books, merchandise in shops. See in your mind's eye what you want to make. If it is a dress, be sure the silhouette is becoming.

Acquire Sewing Skill  
Consider the details and be certain the article you plan does not require more sewing skill than you have at the time. Sewing skill can be acquired in a comparatively short time, provided that with each sewing operation you follow instructions, aim to cut accurately, lay your seams together so they are smooth and even.

So that you stitch in a true line, lay a piece of tablet paper long your basel line. Stitch along the edge of the paper until your fingers and eyes guide you to perfect stitching.

Right Pattern Style  
Choose a pattern style right for your fabric. This cannot be stressed too emphatically. Any undue in sewing contests will tell you that more garments are ruled out of final judging because of one reason than for any other: most often because a tailored style is used with a soft fabric or a sturdy fabric party dinner, with a song in a frilly silhouette. To avoid your heart and a gleam in this, decide upon the style you anticipate in your eyes, and a want and shop fabric counters, will to success—and whatever you do not buy until you have made will give evidence of selected your pattern. Then this confidence and right plan—buy the amount of yardage ing.

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Make a sample bound button-hole, welt pocket; practise binding a curved edge, putting in a zipper, finishing a hem, especially if the fabric you are using is new in your hands.

At Your Elbow  
Press each seam before it joins another. Keep press board, cloth and iron over at your elbow—all to insure smooth seaming.

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## Pennies Did This



THIS ultra-modern youth library, for the schoolchildren of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, was paid for in part by the contribution of more than one million pennies from the children themselves. Designed by Carl Koch, the building is built around the patio on the right. (Acme).

## London Diary:

## SECOND TV DIRECTOR RESIGNS FROM THE BBC

Resignation of Mr Norman Collins, the BBC's television boss, comes directly after the dismal affair of the banning of the TV play "Party Manners." In the public mind there will be difficulty in dissociating the two events, despite the curt BBC statement that they are not associated.

To dispel public suspicion the BBC should issue a full explanation forthwith.

There is too much secrecy about the BBC.

Lord Simon of Wythenshawe, chairman of the BBC governors, admitted it was he who applied the "Party Manners" ban, but denied he was subjected to Ministerial pressure.

Mr Ness Edwards, Socialist poster-maker, issued a statement refusing to hold an inquiry into the ban.

Sir William Haley, the Director-General, has been widely blamed over the "Party Manners" ban. He has said nothing. The Government committee of inquiry into the BBC, with Lord Beveridge in the chair, sits in secret, publishes no account of its operations.

This curtain must be torn down.

## SECOND TO QUIT

Mr Norman Collins is the second television boss to resign. Three years ago his predecessor, Mr Maurice Gurnea, quit. Mr Gurnea refused to make any comment at the time. Later he wrote a book about his 21 years at the BBC. He called it "Sound and Fury". Collins, too, has written novels. One is called "I Shall Not Wait".

He has little reason to fear the future. His books make money. However, his wife tells me she expects he will wish to do another job in addition to writing.

With Collins (who is 43), it is a matter of habit to have two jobs. Even as a school-boy he produced a magazine, which he hired out to classmates at a halfpenny a time. Since he became head of television he has given his days to TV; his evenings to his family; and at 11 p.m., Collins the writer took over. Nearly every night he writes until one a.m.

Even with this late-night work, Collins has been an early arrival at Alexandra Palace. He has left his home at Hampstead Garden Suburb at 8.45 a.m. He was back with his wife and three children—Antonia, 15, Cordelia, 8, and Roderick, 6—at 7.30 a.m.

One of his first jobs after leaving the BBC will be to direct the family's move to a larger house nearby. "We want seven bedrooms instead of five," says Mrs Collins.

## £40,000 SURGEON

Mr Terence Millin, FRCS, one of the most brilliant surgeons in Britain, has bought a farm in Eire. He intends to live there.

He is at the top of his profession and has an immense practice. It is said he received £40,000 in fees last year.

Millin, 40, came to London from Dublin some 20 years ago. He developed a new operation for the removal of the prostate gland. In his years in England he has a splendid record of public service.

With a colleague, Mr Charles David Read, a gynaecologist, Millin runs a nursing home in Queen's Gate, Kensington. Read, a burly, brilliant New Zealander, stands as high in his own line as Millin does in his. They are believed to have the biggest income of any two surgeons in the country.

Both graduated out of London.

## RIGHT TURN

A change that may have important effects on Britain's

political future is underlined by the appointment of Mr Michael Oakeshott to succeed Professor Harold Laski in the chair of political science at the London School of Economics.

Since the founding of the LSE, Mr Webb, the LSE has been the research laboratory for the Socialists. Many of its theories have become main planks in the Socialist platform.

Mr Attlee, Mr Dalton and many other Socialist leaders served on the staff there. Now the appointment of Mr Oakeshott completes the process of infiltration from the Right.

Oakeshott, 49 years old, comes from Nuffield College, Oxford. He says he is a member of no political party. But "I vote for the party likely to do the least harm."

Hundreds of young men and women became Socialists under the teaching of Laski at the LSE. In future it is Oakeshott who will have that influence.

The other faculty of importance in forming political opinion—the Department of Economics—is already headed by two Tories: Professor Lionel Robbins and F. A. Hayek, author of "The Road to Serfdom."

The present Director, Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders, takes no part in politics. But he is certainly no Socialist.

## HOSPITAL MONEY

Although most hospitals now come under the State health scheme, King Edward's Hospital Fund still has around £470,000 a year to dispose. Where does the money go?

There are 100 voluntary hospitals left in London with a total of 2800 beds. Seventy-seven of them got nothing at all from King Edward's Fund last year. The remaining 23 received only £74,000 between them.

Hospitals taken over by the State continue to receive grants. A total of £30,000 went last year to provide "extra amenities" in London State institutions.

In recent months the fund has started a new way of spending money. It is subsidising income for the aged sick. Last year £250,000 was set aside for this purpose.

This is laudable work. But the question is being asked whether this expenditure comes within the aims of the fund.

In the Fund's Charter the committee of management are charged with spending money in or towards the support, benefit or extension of the hospitals of London. Chairman of the committee is Sir Ernest Pooley.

The fund has a capital of between £6 millions and £7 millions. It has been invested on the advice of the treasurer, Sir Edward Peacock, of Baring Brothers. It brings £250,000 a year.

## PRIDE OF THE LAND

There is also some £105,000 a year from legacies. And since 1944 Lord Nuffield's Trust for Special Areas has paid £1,150,000 to the fund.

Some of the voluntary hospitals have no need of outside money. Examples: the Masonic Hospital and the Manor House, which is run by the trade unions.

But there are scores of others, some with only a few beds, who look for help to King Edward's Fund with the same hopeful expectancy that filled the heart of Lazarus sitting at the feet of Dives. If they shared the fund's income they could be made wonderful establishments, the pride of the land.

## Silver Inkstand Is H.K. Gift To New House Of Commons

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Oct. 29.

Thirty-one members of the British Colonial Empire have given desks, tables, chairs, lamps, ashtrays, inkstands and other gifts for the new House of Commons in Westminster, which replaces the chamber destroyed by bombs in May 1941. It was opened by H.M. the King on October 26 at a ceremony attended by 16 Speakers and Presiding Officers of Colonial Legislatures. Hongkong's gift is a triple silver gilt inkstand.

The two decorated, telescopic bronze arms, which can be pulled out from benches at the narrow entrance to the chamber to form "The Bar of the House of Commons" beyond which no one who is not a Member of the House may pass, have been presented by Jamaica.

The bronze brackets to hold the Mace on the table immediately in front of the Speaker's Chair are the gift of Northern Rhodesia.

These are the only two Colonial gifts in the debating chamber itself. The long rectangular table in the Prime Minister's small conference room, designed by

Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, the architect of the new House, has a patterned border made up of small triangles of timber from some 50 Commonwealth and Colonial territories. The Prime Minister's high-back chair at the head of the table, and the other chairs round it, have been presented by St Helena; the two oak table lamps with the bronze shades by the Leeward Islands and Gibraltar. The "Ayes" Division Lobby has been furnished with tables and chairs by Nigeria; and the "Noes" Division Lobby by Uganda. The lamps on the tables are the gifts of the Leeward Islands and Gibraltar.

Sierra Leone has given the desk and chair in the private room of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, British Honduras those in the room of the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations.

The desk and chair in the room of the Minister of War have been presented by Bahamas; in the Air Minister's room by Barbados; in the Minister of Defence's room by the Gold Coast; in the Minister of Labour's room by Mauritius; in the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries' room by the Seychelles Islands; in the Minister of Works' room by Trinidad.

Cyprus has given an oak writing table for the Members' Writing Room East, and Aden one for the Members' Writing Room West.

North Borneo, Singapore and Tanganyika have each given a table and five chairs for Interview Rooms.

British Guiana has presented four triple silver gilt inkstands for the Ministers' Conference Room. It has arranged for a fifth inkstand to be made identical to the others, and inscribed "Tribute of Gift presented by the Colony to the House of Commons" for placing in its own Council Chamber.

Nyasaland, Hongkong and Bermuda have given similar triple inkstands.

Single silver gilt inkstands are the gifts of Dominica, Grenada, St Lucia (Windward Islands) and Fiji. Silver gilt ashtrays have been given by Falkland Islands, Gambia, Malta, Nyasaland, St Vincent (Windward Islands) and Zanzibar.

The olive wood sent by Kenya for a Minister's table and chair is not ready for fabrication, being still in the kiln.

GILLES Laurent, elected "Apollo of the Riviera" at Cannes, France, strains a muscle or two as he takes in the sun. A former gymnastics teacher, Laurent is trying to carve out a new career for himself in the movies. He will also represent France in a three-country athletic meet against Britain and Belgium. (Acme).

## COAST WATCH IN BRITAIN MAY BE CUT

Proposals to reduce Britain's coastguard stations will be discussed by Transport Ministry officials and Civil Service Union leaders in London shortly.

The Union say their members are concerned about plans to close completely 54 stations, and cut the watch at another 34.

They claim that such a step must increase the danger to yachts, pleasure boats, and other small craft. Yachtsmen may join the protest.

The cuts mean 170 fewer coastguards.

## 'SAFETY CONSIDERED'

They have been advocated "in the light of recent advances in the efficiency and seaworthiness of shipping, and the extension of radio and radio- navigational aids" by a Transport Ministry committee.

The Committee say they have taken all safety precaution into account.

They also mention the need for securing the greatest economy in expenditure, compatible with the maintenance of an efficient life-saving service.

## Poland Ratifies Frontier Treaty

London, Oct. 29.

Poland has ratified her treaty with East Germany, signed in July, fixing the frontier between the two countries on the Oder-Neisse river line, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported today from Warsaw.

## In Smaller Sizes



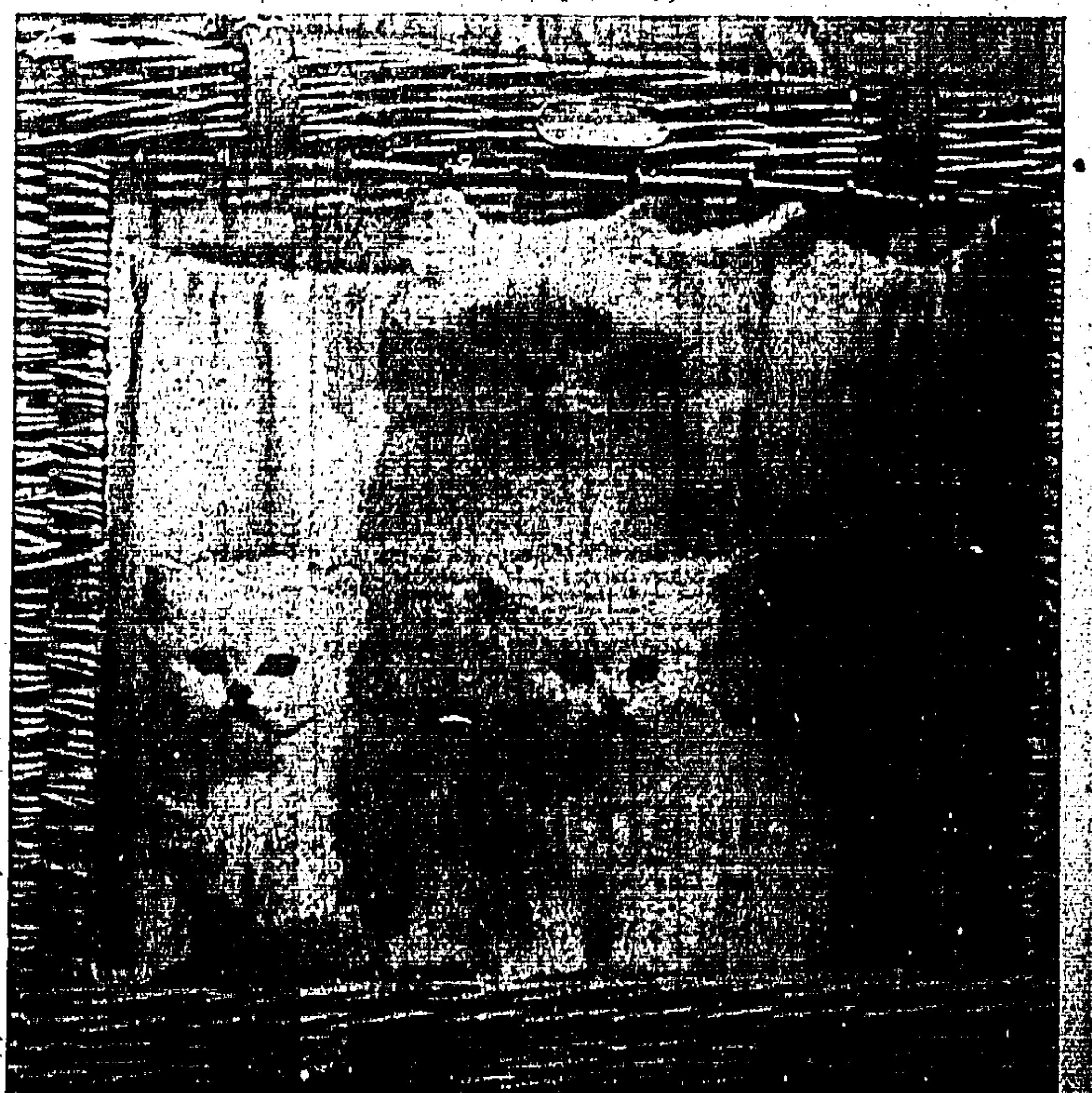
TWO junior-sized watermelons, one of which weighs just two pounds, are displayed in Pomona, California, by Little Roi Anne Spezza. The newest member of the melon family will undoubtedly meet with the approval of housewives who have staggered home from the market under the weight of heavier melons. (Acme).

## East To West



A long line of Russian-sector Berliners wait their turn to buy tickets to a theatre in the city's British zone. Only East Berliners, who had to show identity cards, were allowed to attend, and thousands took advantage of the opportunity. (Acme).

## Framed Felines



THESE Redwall Chinchilla, reportedly the most expensive and being judged at the Crystal Palace in London, October 29.



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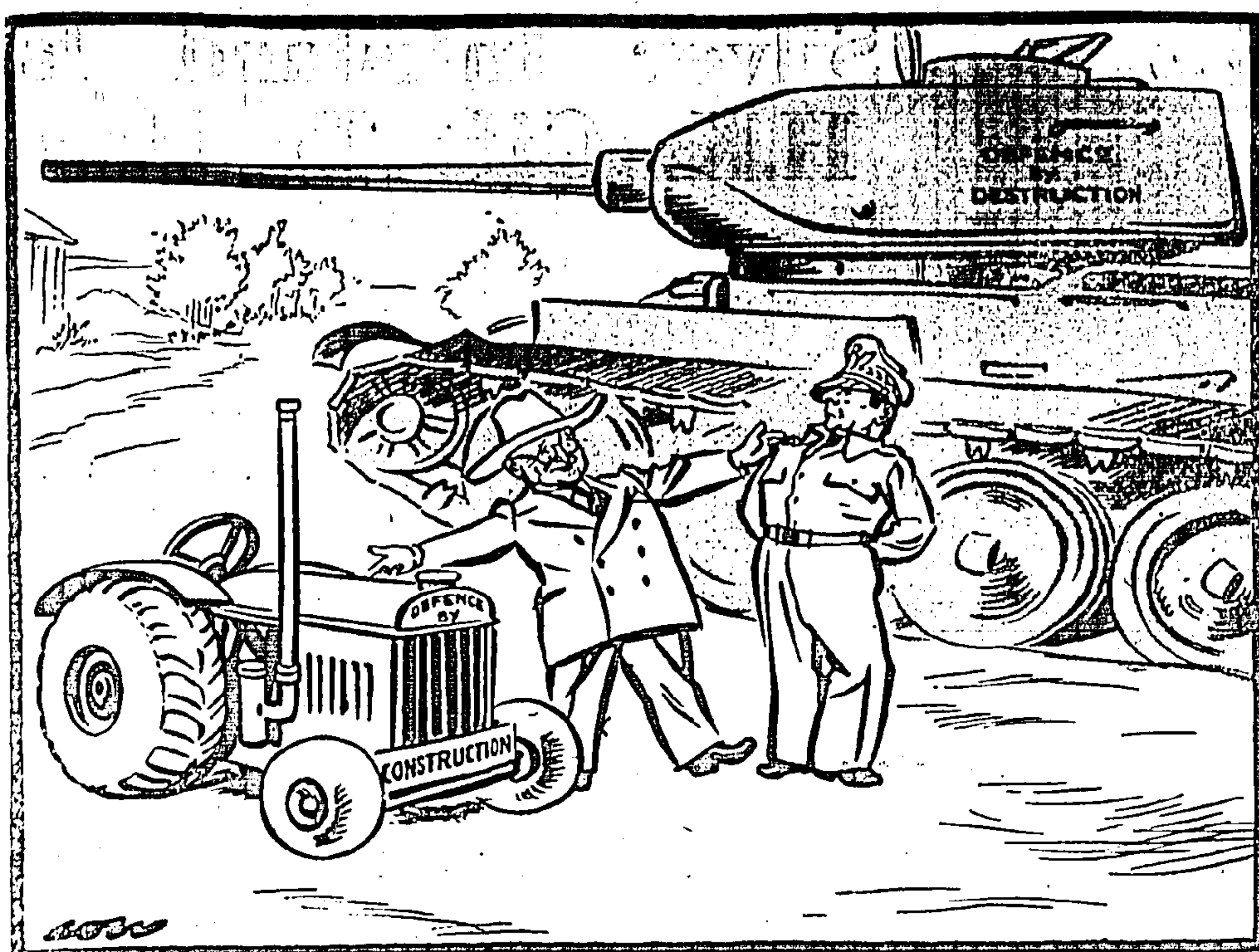
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JUST A CHANGE OF VEHICLE

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# FEUDAL BRITAIN MAKES LAST STAND

By Roger Bunyan

CROWDING the rails of the Queen Elizabeth, transatlantic travellers generally rub their eyes at their first glimpse of England—a sward of ancient oaks, yews, beech and hollies stretching from the sea passage of the Solent northward to the hills. The New Forest—it was given the name when William the Conqueror set it aside as a royal hunting domain—was already old 850 years ago when the hated Rufus Redhead was murdered by an arrow in its glades. Today, government investigators describe it as a miraculous survival of pre-Norman Britain.

The badly needed new villages cannot be built because of the existing cottages centuries-old common rights allowing them to graze pigs, sheep, geese and cattle on the countryside. Scarcely 80 miles from London, their Stone Age squalor shocks one's conscience.

Yet there are signs in 1950 that the timeless New Forest cannot long resist the pace of progress. The arrow of change is striking home. New parliamentary legislation, loosening the power of the Verderers, threatens to deprive 93,000 acres of much of their ancient protection.

## New Highways

Ruled over by the officers of the Verderers, resplendent in their uniforms of leaf-green cloth with gold buttons and wide looped felt hats, this amazing feudal realm lies intact in the populous heart of southern England. Aided by laws dating from the Saxon King Canute, generations of local gentlemen, yeomen and labourers have fought a running battle against all invaders and kept time at bay.

Over an area of 150 square miles the police possess no ordinary jurisdiction and can enforce no by-laws. Instead, the forest is patrolled by the flock-coated, jack-booted agisters, gold-badged forest guards who haul malefactors before the picturesque Court of Swainmote just as they did in the Middle Ages.

## Gypsies Refuge

TELEPHONE and electric power lines entered this medieval region only after years of obstructive feuding and litigation. Deep in the forest, fawn-fences, stocky wild ponies and herds of red deer still elude black market rustlers and horse thieves. Deeper still, guarded by oak 20 feet in girth, hemmed in by semi-impassable bogs and mudslides, intermarrying and interbreeding gypsies live in "benders," frail wigwags of arched willow twigs covered with tarpaulin, chiefly because a 1,000-year-old forest law forbids them to lay a floor, hang a door and make a window.

The proposed Bill has aroused a storm of opposition. Petitions have been organised against it, angry public meetings held, towns placarded—and the local gentry are employing expensive counsel to present their case to a select committee of the House of Lords. In Britain's island story, slow change continuously modifies the old feudal forms while carefully preserving them, but the New Forest reformers have evidently underestimated the stubborn tenacity of the country squire.

Sturdy half-forgotten old English words like "pannage" and "turbary," levancy and "couchancy" stun the ears of the startled lawyers. Behind those archaic phrases, lie jealously guarded and valuable privileges. The common rights of turbary, for instance, allowing turves to be cut for peat, are far from obsolete but prove a valuable perquisite during the fuel shortage. Scores of people, too, are entitled to "common of fuelwood," freely allowing them to cut and take wood for fuel. With logs selling at the equivalent of £5 a ton, this dispensation is as good as a gift of cash in the bank.

At least one commoner exercises his fuel rights alone to the tune of £5,000 worth yearly. Though others find that their common grazing rights apply only to "levancy and couchancy," that is, to animals which rise up and lie down on the land, this doctrine covered nearly 800 horses and 3,000 cattle last year.

This tends to give the court the pomp and power of the assembly of barons for Magna Carta. Decisions of the Verderers have been over-ruled by the Crown on occasions, notably when they attempted to avoid the expensive liabilities for the upkeep of hundreds of miles of drains. Usually, however, affairs of the court are limited to rebuking a poacher or two or fining a bird-nester. So rare are some of the forest birds that the eggs command £5 apiece, and a man who takes a clutch of three can be £15 in pocket merely by climbing a tree.

## Rich Grazing

HEADED by the wealthy Earl of Radnor, two thirds of the 2,004 commoners admit to regarding the Forest as a playground. Decisions of the Verderers have been over-ruled by the Crown on occasions, notably when they attempted to avoid the expensive liabilities for the upkeep of hundreds of miles of drains. Usually, however, affairs of the court are limited to rebuking a poacher or two or fining a bird-nester. So rare are some of the forest birds that the eggs command £5 apiece, and a man who takes a clutch of three can be £15 in pocket merely by climbing a tree.

## Red Deer

PREVENTING these robberies is merely one of the tasks of the agisters. They also have to police the forest, watch for forest fires and round-up the ponies and cattle every year to tall-mark them and ensure they are branded with the commoner's private brand. This operation is seldom fully completed. Nearly a century ago parliament ordered all the royal red deer to be removed and herded to Windsor, and a few escaped the round-up. Now scores lurk in the forest. Officially the red deer do not exist and a count of them has never been taken. Yet the secretive forest folk cling to their venison rights and find that their feudal realm furnishes a better meat ration than all the ingenuity of modern Britain can command.

# Grand-daddy of concert halls facing crisis

By Anthony Slade

LONDON. ONE of the world's largest, strangest and most versatile buildings is preparing to celebrate its 80th birthday and 25,000th event. Regarded with affection by generations of overseas visitors, the world-famous Royal Albert Hall—patronage of concert halls—has inaugurated a £250,000 modernisation programme and is getting ready to draw the crowds for the next 919 years.

Everything has happened at the "R. A. H." Warlike reunions, banjo performances, waxwork exhibitions, fearful religious services with child evangelists, receptions to the Shah of Persia and other visiting royalty—they've all packed the house.

Vaudeville star named Ronald Chesney recently filled it with 3,000 people—one-third top capacity—by playing a six-inch harmonica, a solo effort that drew over £1,000 in receipts. They've even staged 25-mile marathons in the hall on coconut matting tracks. The runners hared round and round the arena till members of the audience collapsed from dizziness.

## Great Occasions

It is far larger than New York's Carnegie Hall and modelled on the Colosseum at Rome. Winston Churchill once said he could make it echo for five minutes merely by blowing his nose. Students once pelted two unpopular medical lecturers with bags of flour and veteran cleaners wistfully recall the overtime they earned as they cleaned up the mess. Communists, not long ago tried to break up a housewives' meeting and stormed the royal box and the housewives defended it stoutly with umbrellas and shopping bags.

From prize fights to symphony concerts, in its long history the Albert Hall has been occupied with great occasions and sometimes great oddities. Yet probably none of them more bizarre than the extreme oddity of the Royal Albert Hall itself.

## Leasehold Seats

To raise the original £214,000 building costs, seats were sold to subscribers for 99 years. An orchestra seat cost £100 while boxes of 5 seats brought £500. Today, real estate agents occasionally auction these leasehold seats in the open market and a couple of orchestra seats recently fetched £950. Even at this figure they yield rich dividends, for the owner has the right of selling the seat for Albert Hall events.

Several families actually make a living out of seat rights and their legal title is jealously guarded. During a ball the

dance-floor is built on steel trusses 12 feet above the arena. One evening two arena seat holders demanded their leasehold rights to a view of the hall. Nothing would satisfy them until a hole was cut in the floor and they could take their places, though nearly choked with dust from the swishing feet of the dancers.

Even the usher's are for the most part the grand-children of the original ushers at the state opening. The task of showing the audience to their seats is handed down through the families. The British Corps of Honorary Stewards was formed from members of Queen Victoria's court back in 1871 and their descendants still fill these lifetime jobs without recompense.

## Biggest Loser

Each steward faithfully promises to attend at the Albert Hall three or four times weekly, paying his own expenses. In return, of course, he goes practically every leading musician, singer, politician and eccentric of the day.

Patli, Melba, Mrs Roosevelt, Elscowwer... they've all figured in the Albert Hall cavalcade. Anyone can rent the hall at rates from £150 for an afternoon to £1,000 for such an event as the New York artists-and-models ball. The biggest loser was a negro who wanted to speak of a coloured utopia in the heart of Africa... and drew only 30 people.

Equally strange, an astonishing non-profit society was formed to drink up the surplus wine left in the enormous R. A. H. cellars after successive Victorian International exhibitions. Though no longer actually derived from the hall, supplies seem to be a £1,000 a year. The original £1 shares now stand at £41 and the annual meeting is probably the most convivial in London. Adjoining for refreshments, the shareholders taste such rarities as 1819 sherry and real Napoleon brandy.

## Backstage Boys

The Albert Hall's 50 backstage boys think nothing of staging a banquet for 700 or equipping the Easter concert audience with 8,000 packet lunches. They can rig a 7,000-ft. curtain and print 50,000 tickets overnight and they annually spring-clean the 175-ton organ—the world's largest—with its five keyboards and 9,000 sounding pipes.

Not least, though, the Albert Hall is probably the world's largest concert-hall. Fortunes have been spent on damping the notorious echo. Two army engineers who designed the hall overlooked the sound problems caused by the varying number of people in the hall. Twelve thousand square feet of canvas were specially woven to act as a sounding board, and now 1950 sees the installation of a £45,000 aluminium ceiling to replace the inner glass dome.

## POCKET CARTOON



"I think we've crossed the wire somewhere... we've got Morgan Phillips discussing the date of the next General Election with Lord Woolton!"

London Express Service.

## At Crossroads

This is just the first instalment of the £250,000 project for new entrances, air conditioning, redecoration and seating. On the credit side, London's largest building has the lowest ground-rent in London. Every year the secretary solemnly signs a cheque for one shilling, made out to the commissioners of the famous 1851 exhibition, and the lease still has 919 years to run.

Today, however, the Royal Albert Hall is at the crossroads. It faces the challenging rivalry of the up-and-coming modern 3,000-seater concert hall on the south bank of the Thames, which is being built for the 1951 Festival of Britain. Its booking will equally diminish when other concert halls rise again on their blitz ruins. New uses for the R. A. H. will have to be found unless it is to become the world's largest white elephant.

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# Sweden Goes Into Mourning For Her Uncrowned King

## CONDOLENCES FLOW IN FROM THE WORLD OVER

Stockholm, Oct. 29.

Nature today put on drab garments to mourn the passing of a King who at the start of his long reign had found his people in a Republican mood, but who left them affectionate Royalists.

Yet to the whole country the late King Gustav was "the uncrowned King"—for when he came to the throne on December 8, 1907, Gustav had declined a coronation ceremony.

A thin, chilling rain fell from leaden skies throughout his realm today. It turned autumn's fallen leaves into a sodden mass under the feet of silent crowds outside the Palace.

Some of the crowd were there all night, watching the lights in the Palace windows. As the clear winter dawn stole up and the white Palace walls glistened wet, news passed from mouth to mouth that the King's condition was unimproved, though his pulse was weaker.

"He has lived to see another day," some one murmured. At the Palace gates barely an hour after daylight the watchers' eyes moved to an open turret on the roof. They watched a servant lean out and grab the lanyard of the blue and yellow Royal Pennant.

Slowly it came down to half mast. The reign of King Gustav V of the Swedes, Goths and Wends had come to an end. In the log cabin of the North, the steel and concrete towers of the Midlands and the little red farm house of the South, his subjects turned on their radios, hoping for a bulletin on the King's condition.

### NATIONAL MOURNING

But the voice of a well-known announcer told them to stand by for important news. Then, in moving tones he told them His Majesty had passed peacefully away.

Within an hour nearly every house, large and small, throughout the length and breadth of the country had its flag out, fluttering at half mast.

Foreign envoys drove through deserted streets to the Stockholm Palace to express formally their countries' condolences. The Swedish Sports Association decided that a Swedish-Russian gymnastic contest should take place as scheduled, but each athlete was instructed to wear a mourning band of black crepe on his arm. Before the day's sport began, participants stood for three minutes in the field in silent tribute.

At Sweden's naval bases, garrisons and army barracks, salutes were fired as the armed forces went into mourning. Sailors stood to attention on the decks of the King's warships to mourn his passing.

### HEADS BOWED

People living near the Palace crowded into the chapel for this morning's service. They stood in silence with heads bowed as the Royal party entered. During the service some of the women were weeping.

Throughout the country churches tolled bells and cinema shows were cancelled as the country went into mourning for a monarch who had reigned longer than any other king in Swedish history.

Later today there was to be a special four-hour memorial broadcast programme, in which the Foreign Minister, Mr. Halvard Lange, was to address the nation.

The King's death was officially announced from the Palace as Swedish families were preparing to go to church to join in the national prayers for him. The announcement said that the aged ruler died at 3.35 a.m., local time.

Shortly after 9 a.m., local time, newspaper posters announced the news in Stockholm. After a further 30 minutes, extra editions appeared with thick, black headlines and presented biographical material about the late King. King Gustav V, descendant of Charles Bernadotte, one of Napoleon's marshals, was the oldest monarch in the world at 6 ft. 7 inches was also the tallest.

### AMAZING RESILIENCY

He was born on June 10, 1858, and his reign, which began in December, 1907, was the longest in Swedish history.

During the last years of his life King Gustav showed amazing resiliency. He refused to grow old. He played his favourite game of lawn tennis when he was over 90.

He never missed his spring visit to the Riviera where he spent an annual holiday for more than 40 years.

Early in 1949 he was critically ill, and was carried on a stretcher to open Parliament. A fortnight later he spent two hours watching the "Scen-

davian indoor tennis tournament, and in July, soon after his 91st birthday was swimming in the Kattegat.

In January, 1950, he was critically ill with bronchitis and a septic throat. But before the end of the month officials said he was as "fit as a fiddle".

Gustav disliked formality and remained the most democratic of monarchs. He never wore his Crown. When he succeeded King Oscar on December 8, 1907 he declined to be crowned.

### OVERSEAS GRIEF

Flags flew at half-mast in many European capitals.

Reuter dispatches from Europe and the United States gave the following reactions to the death of the world's oldest monarch.

Paris: President Vincent Auriol sent condolences to Sweden on the death of "a great friend of France," while in the South, Cote d'Azur mourned a yearly visitor for nearly 50 years, and a familiar figure in the Riviera tennis tournaments.

"He was my oldest and most faithful customer," Mr. Robert Braun, Manager of the Hotel D'Angleterre at Nice, declared.

Oslo: King Haakon of Norway ordered full Court mourning for three weeks, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Halvard Lange, broadcast over Oslo Radio Norway's sympathy with the Swedish nation.

Rome: Pope Pius XII sent telegrams to the Swedish Royal Family and Government, expressing his "profound sorrow at the loss of so eminent and noble a person".

Government leaders also conveyed their condolences to the Swedish Minister in Italy. Bonn: Dr. Theodor Heuss, West German President, and other officials sent messages of sympathy.

The Dutch and Swiss Governments also expressed official condolences.

Copenhagen: King Frederick of Denmark ordered one month's Court mourning. He also cancelled his visit to Paris with Queen Ingrid, scheduled for next month. The Queen is a granddaughter of King Gustav.

London: In a message to King Gustav, King George expressed deepest regret. He ordered Court mourning for two weeks.

Washington: President Truman, in a telegram to King Gustav's family, sent deep sympathy. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, expressed sorrow in a cable to the Swedish Foreign Minister.

—Reuter.

## 'Quake Rocks Assam

Dibrugarh, Assam, Oct. 29.

An earthquake of great intensity today rocked Dibrugarh for about two minutes at 11.32 a.m. local time (6.02 a.m. GMT), followed 15 minutes later by an aftershock. Some damage to houses were reported but there were no casualties.

Dibrugarh has been the centre of a series of sharp shocks since the severe quakes on August 16, which killed at least 80 people, made about 20,000 homeless and changed about 30,000 square miles of the earth's crust.

Heavy floods, affecting thousands of people, followed the original shocks.

—Reuter.

## General Election Speculation

London, Oct. 29.

Controversial issues listed for the Parliamentary session opening on Tuesday prompted political commentators here today to speculate again on the possibility of a general election.

When the speech from the Throne, the traditional vehicle for the Government's announcement of its plans, is read to the House of Commons, Members expect it will forecast:

1.—A Bill to give permanent effect to the Government's existing power to impose economic controls.

2.—A Bill to nationalise the British Sugar Corporation, a Government-subsidised organisation controlling the buying and refining of sugar beet, and representing about 25 percent of the country's refining capacity.

The Conservative Opposition is expected to contest both of these measures, and will also make a feature of its proposals that the house building target should be 300,000 annually, instead of the 200,000 as planned by the Labour Government.

In the debates both parties are expected to act and argue with an election in mind.

Observers point to the confidence that the Government has gained in past tests, however, about its ability to hold its majority, however narrowly, in Parliamentary votes.

And public opinion polls, showing the electorate still evenly divided, raise doubts whether an election would in fact clarify the Parliamentary situation. —Reuter.

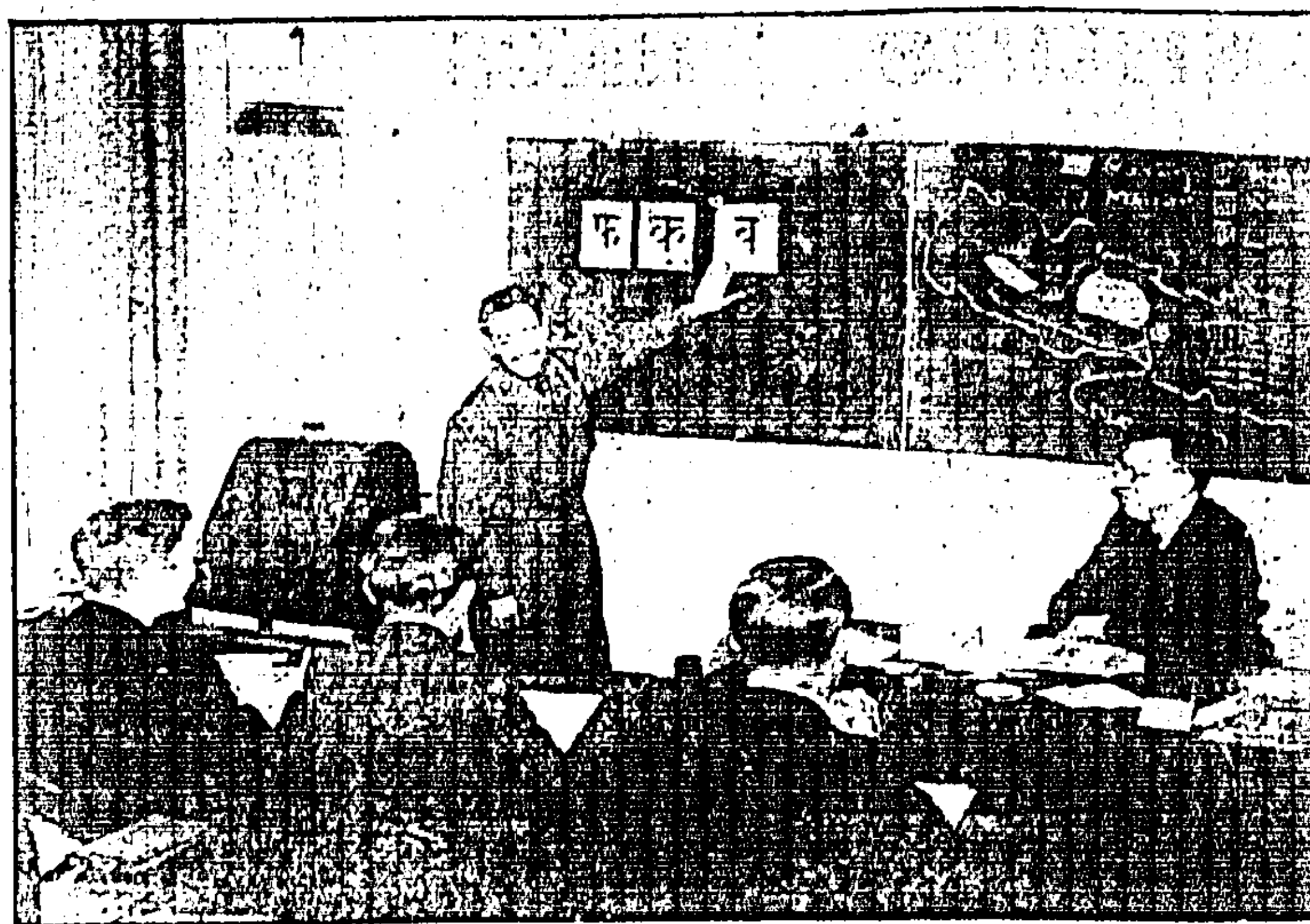
## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"You're mighty lucky, Clem—people are having trouble getting automobiles again!"

## A Gurkha In Bloomsbury



Lieutenant Ganesh Gurung, MC, of the 1st/2nd Gurkha Regiment, who has been helping London University to prepare special courses in the Nepali language for British officers joining the Brigade, seen explaining the intricacies of his native tongue to the first course at the School of Oriental Studies.

## Isbrandtsen Vessel Not To Be Allowed Petroleum For China

Washington, Oct. 29.

An official Commerce Department spokesman said today that the American freighter, Flying Cloud, will not be allowed to sail for Communist China with a cargo of petroleum jelly that might be used to lubricate military machinery.

The jelly, also known as petrolatum, already loaded on the Isbrandtsen Line vessel will be removed, presumably when the ship docks at New York on Monday or Tuesday.

At the same time the Commerce Department will issue new regulations on Monday designed to halt such shipments in the future.

At Wilmington, Delaware, the skipper of the Flying Cloud said he has 60 tons of petroleum jelly aboard his vessel destined for Communist China, but that he has received no orders from Federal officials to remove it.

Captain Fred Rylander said the jelly, also known as petrolatum, was loaded on the ship at Baltimore a week ago, after it had received clearance from the port authorities there.

Neither he nor the ship's agents, Isbrandtsen Lines, had received any United States Commerce Department order blocking the loading or ordering the removal of petroleum jelly from the freighter.

The Commerce Department on Saturday alerted all its agents throughout the country to stop any further exports of the product. Petroleum (known by the trade name of vasoline) is used for medical purposes but may be used as lubricant for industrial or military machinery, according to Government officials.

### POSSIBLY FOR H.K.

The captain emphasized that 15,000 gallons of petroleum jelly the ship was to load at Philadelphia were never placed aboard the vessel. Reports that the cargo was loaded and then removed were incorrect.

Captain Rylander indicated that the petroleum jelly shipment aboard the Flying Cloud was to be shipped to either Tientsin, Taku Bar or Hongkong.

The Commerce Department spokesman said it was possible that Captain Rylander did not know about the stop order. The Department was acting through the shippers of the cargo, not

## The Odd Spot Of Odd News

Rothamsted, Herts, Oct. 29.

British bee keepers are worried because they say that bees in this country are failing to pollinate red clover.

There are now two schools of thought on how to solve this problem.

Dr. C. G. Butler, of the Ministry of Agriculture, experimental station here, is trying to breed a bee with a "taste for red clover." "Plenty of bees do go for it," he said, "but not enough of them."

But experts of the Welsh Beekeepers' Association say that the reason the insects are failing to pollinate red clover is because the clover has a deep bloom and the bees' tongues are not long enough.

So the Association has decided to approach the Ministry with a plan for breeding bees with longer tongues.—Reuter.

### A Failure's Suicide

Buenos Aires, Oct. 29.

Juan de la Cruz Fernandez, found hanging from a tree at La Prida, Buenos Aires Province, was believed by the police to have taken his life after failing in a burglary attempt the night before.

The police said that one of Fernandez's arms was peppered with bullet holes.

The previous night 13-year-old Manuel Jose Cepeda had disturbed a man trying to force his mother's home and had fired a shot gun at him.—Reuter.

### The Odd Mark

Grand Rapids, Michigan, Oct. 29.

Library workers here checking over some returned books, found the following forgotten "book-marks" between pages:—

A strip of raw bacon, a salted cracker, scissors, a rotary bill, firm negatives, a wedding invitation, old films, school notes, jewellery, a conscription card, and a \$20 (£7) note.—Reuter.

### Motored On Lighter Fuel

Meshaun Devonshire, Oct. 29.

A motorist who ran out of petrol here bought up all the lighter fuel he could find in the stores and poured it into his car. It cost him 7/6d. to travel nine miles to his home.

But this will not happen again, for the local council has approved an application for the petrol pumps to be installed—the first Meshaun has ever seen.—Reuter.

### Over The Straits

Jorge S. Sugden, the Argentinian swimmer, left Tarifa, Spain, today in an attempt to swim the Strait of Gibraltar.

He is trying to beat the record of seven hours and 42 minutes for the 12 miles set up by his fellow countryman, Antonio Abendo, on September 27.—Reuter.

### And The Man Flew

Messina, Sicily, Oct. 29.

A motorcyclist lit his cigarette near a petrol pump here today and set ablaze 9,000 litres of fuel. The fire burnt out the petrol station and caused more than 20 million lire worth of damage.

The motorcyclist fled as the first flames gushed from the petrol pump.—Reuter.

### Trap Do-livers

Melbourne, Oct. 29.

A Rosedale district resident baited a couple of rabbit traps with liver, placed them on a log below the water line of the Thomson River near here, and caught a four-pound trout.

The fisherman does not intend to reveal his identity.—Reuter.

# Atlantic Pact Leaders Draw Up Master Defence Plan

Washington, Oct. 29.

A new master plan for Western Europe's defences calls for a unified army of about 50 divisions, strong naval fleets in the Atlantic and Mediterranean and mighty air armada bases in Britain and on the continent, informed sources said today.

General Dwight Eisenhower is likely to be Supreme Commander of these collective armed forces being formed by the 12-nation North Atlantic Pact to protect Western Europe from Communist aggression.

The defence plan calls for building up unified armed forces as soon as possible and by 1953 at the latest. The United States would furnish from five to 10 divisions, more than half the warships, all strategic bombers and from five to 10 groups of tactical fighter planes.

General Eisenhower, who has the unanimous backing of defence leaders of all 12 pact nations for the post of Supreme Commander, conferred with President Truman about the appointment yesterday. He later told reporters he had assured the President: "I am always available for any duty in uniform."

For reasons of international protocol, no formal announcement of General Eisenhower's appointment will be made until the Defence Ministers of the Pact nations conclude their current meeting here. The Defence Ministers approved the master blueprint at an eight-hour closed meeting yesterday. It was drafted by General Omar Bradley, chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, and top British and French officers and was endorsed earlier last week at a meeting of the Pact Military Committee comprising uniformed officers from all 12 nations.

### GERMAN PARTICIPATION

The Defence Ministers comprising the Defence Committee will meet again on Monday to try to reach a compromise on the question of rearming some German troops for use in the unified forces.

Under the new master defence plan, France would furnish from five to 28 divisions, Britain about five, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands from five to 10 and Italy about 10. Britain would contribute a smaller number of warships than the United States, but would share major responsibility for seapower.

Britain and France also would furnish tactical fighter planes. The United States now has two "Thunderbolt" fighter groups in Germany and one in England. There are also B-50 and B-29 "Superfort" medium bombers now stationed in England. Present plans do not call for any increase in these. No B-36 intercontinental bombers would be stationed in Britain or Western Europe. In case of war, however, bases would be provided for their refuelling before or after bombing missions from the United States.

American officials expressed the guarded hope that the French attitude toward German rearmament might be changed with the compromise Germany would not be permitted to build a national army and the number of German divisions would be limited. One plan would permit around 10 German divisions as part of the total unified army. French counter-proposals call for limiting the German units to regiments and even these would not be completely armed until a super-Western European government had been set up.

Authoritative military sources said today that the majority of the Defence Ministers want General Eisenhower to return to uniform as soon as possible to organise the Supreme Headquarters of the Atlantic Pact forces in Europe (SHAPE). They feel General Eisenhower should be given a great deal of initiative to decide how he wants SHAPE to be set up. It is considered virtually certain SHAPE headquarters will be somewhere in France. Latest reports from Fontainebleau, headquarters of the Western Union forces, indicated that Field-Marshal Montgomery might like to be British deputy Supreme Commander of SHAPE.

In that case, General de Lattre de Tassigny, commander of Western Union ground forces, might be named commander of the Atlantic Pact ground forces. The sources concede, however, that General Eisenhower is expected to be allowed the staff he wants and there will be no attempt to force anybody onto him whom he does not want.—United Press.

## Editorial

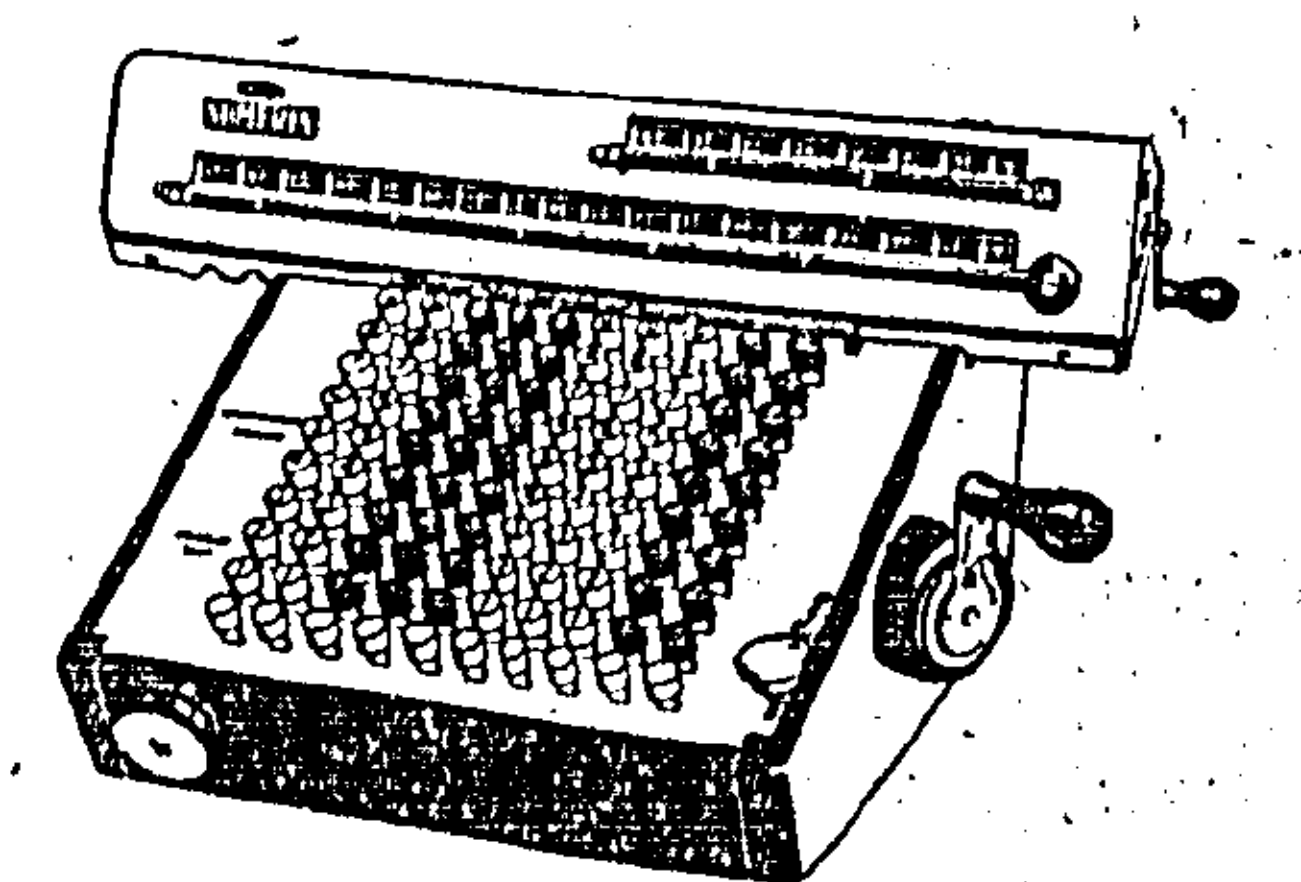
## Appointments

Mr Stewart A. Gray has been appointed Editor of the new China Mail which, starting on Wednesday of this week, will be published as an evening paper.

Mr Walter J. Keates has been appointed Editor of the new Sunday Post-Herald, which, beginning next Sunday, will incorporate the present South China Sunday Post and the Sunday Herald.

Mr Keates will also edit the Hongkong Telegraph, which will be published mid-morning in an entirely new format.

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 & New Zealand, 5 p.m.  
 Japan, 8 p.m.  
 Formosa, 5 p.m.



# Call To Democracies To Combine Defence, Foreign Departments

Washington, Oct. 29.  
Mr Robert Patterson, former American Secretary of War, and 10 American military and naval leaders forming the Atlantic Union Committee, today called for single Defence and Foreign Affairs Departments for the Atlantic democracies.

## Syngman Rhee Speaks In Pyongyang

Pyongyang, Oct. 29.  
President Syngman Rhee told an estimated crowd of 10,000 in the City Hall Square here today that they must try to forget that they were North and South Koreans and to remember only that there was but one Korean nation.

Dr Rhee, who flew to Pyongyang to speak at the "liberation ceremony," said that his Government wanted to govern North Korea with North Koreans in the Government, but was prevented by the United Nations' decision.

Wearing Korean dress, he spoke from the balcony of the City Hall for nearly an hour and was cheered and cheered when he declared that the sufferings of Koreans had not been in vain because the United Nations had acted and defeated the Communist aggression.

North Korea, he added, was now becoming part of a unified Korea and would enjoy the freedom that the South has had for the past five years.

Flags of the United Nations countries flew in the square but the proceedings were entirely Korean, with ROK troops standing guard and a band playing the Korean National Anthem.

Dr Rhee emphasised the need for unity and hard work in rehabilitating the country.

Before leaving he said, in a press statement, "We are happy, and the country will never again be divided by any nation or group of nations. We will build the country again with the help of democratic nations, and will contribute our part to the peace and prosperity of friendly nations of the world."

## New Quarantine Procedure

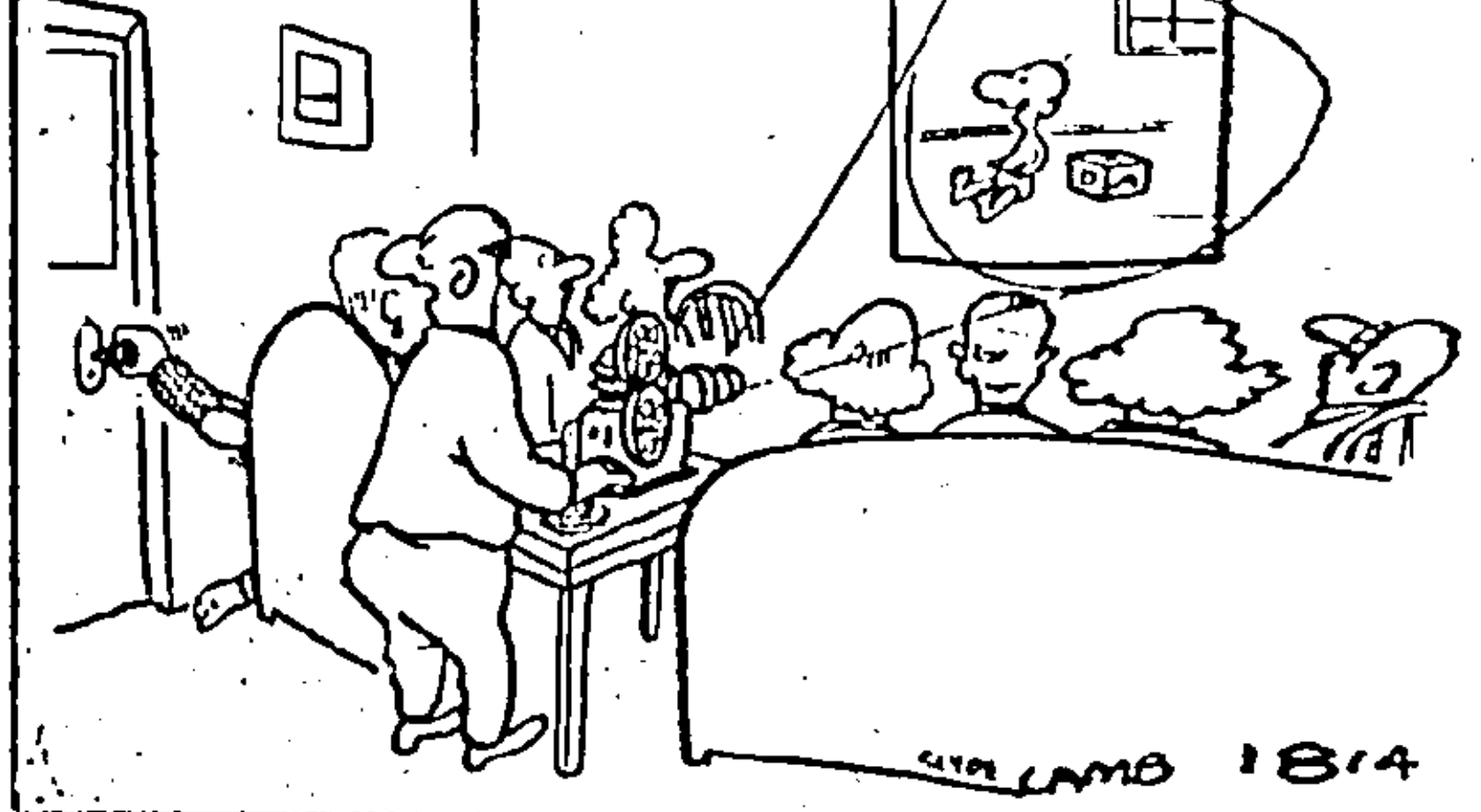
Madras, Oct. 29.  
New quarantine regulations are expected to come into force in all countries in 1952, whereby travellers abroad may leave on the same day as being inoculated and vaccinated, the Director-General of the Indian Medical Services said today.

He said in an interview that the new rules, prepared by the World Health Organisation, would enforce all the necessary precautions against certain epidemic diseases, but at the same time would remove the present restraint on the rapid movement of men and materials.

## Pilgrims Pour Into Rome

Rome, Oct. 29.  
Thousands of pilgrims poured into Rome today crowding every available room in hotels, hostels, camps and convents in preparation for the Pope's proclamation on Wednesday of the Dogma of the Bodily Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

About 40 Cardinals and 700 Catholic Bishops from all over the world are expected to be here to attend the solemn ceremony, at which the Pope will make the most important pronouncement for Catholics of this century.—Reuter.



"For you information, Greenshaw ... THAT door is locked!"

## ITALIAN PARTISANS

Rome, Oct. 29.  
Leaders of Italy's anti-Communist Federation of Volunteers for Liberty—former partisans who split from the Communist-led Italian Partisans Association—today offered their organisation as a "civil defence force" in case of war.

A Christian Democrat deputy, Signor Enrico Mattei, an expert on the subject and now one of the leaders of the Volunteers Federation, told a meeting of 300 fellow leaders: "We have had enough of Communist sabotage. We must make our voices heard."

He said the volunteers would be willing to serve "beside the country's police force and act as a civil defence corps in case of war."—Reuter.

## FRENCH PROPOSAL

Lyons, Oct. 29.  
The French Prime Minister, M. Rene Pleven, said today that France's proposal for a European Army was "neither an attempt to slow up the common effort to bring about a permanent union of the European peoples."

"The Europe that must be built must not contain the germs from which sooner or later the risk of a new conflict would be born," he declared. "Only a European Army under European control can guarantee that the reconstitution of the German armed forces will not one day lead to a crusade or a war of revenge." he said.

M. Pleven was speaking at the Congress of the Union Democratique et Socialiste de la Resistance, of which he is a member.

M. Pleven said that he could at present only speak with great reserve on the military situation in Indo-China. "Our first preoccupation at the moment is to send the maximum reinforcements to our troops, accelerated by the change in the methods of fighting in Indo-China," he said.—Reuter.

## GERMAN VIEW

Frankfurt, Oct. 29.  
Dr Kurt Schumacher, the West German Socialist leader, said here today that the Allied forces in Western Germany must be strong enough to defend the Federal Republic east of the Vistula River in Poland.

He told a Social Democratic Party meeting that the Socialists would only agree to the re-education of Germany if the Allied forces in Western Germany were made strong enough to "win the final battle," which would decide the fate of Western Germany.

Calling for the defence of Western Germany east of the Vistula, Dr Schumacher said that Germany would be willing to defend their country if they knew that their homes would be saved.

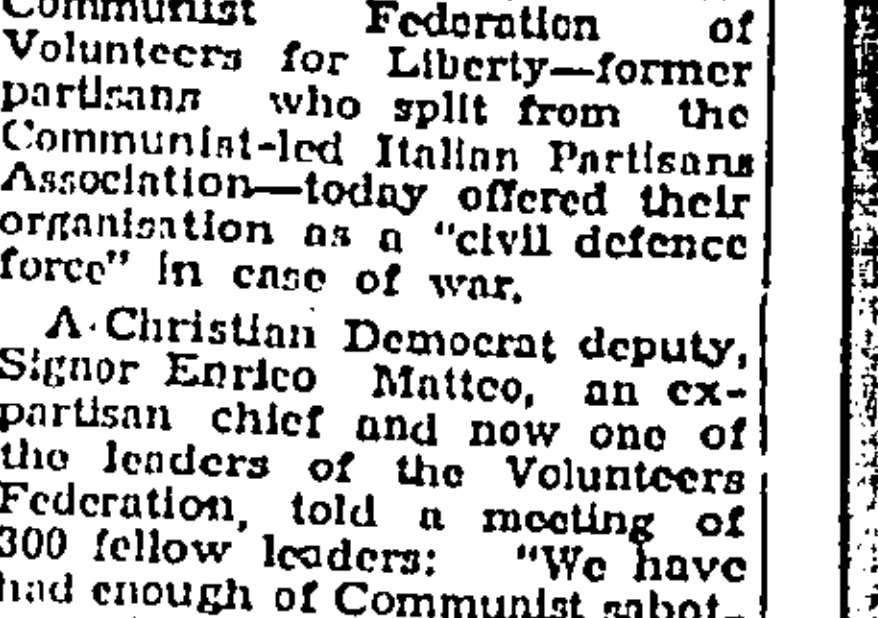
He repeated that his Party was ready to approve a German military contribution to European defence only if the fate of the Western Allies was "linked" with the fate of Germany, and if the German Republic were given an "actual guarantee."

## FAO Headquarters In Rome

Washington, Oct. 29.  
The Council of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation yesterday ratified the draft agreement with Italy for establishing the FAO Headquarters in Rome.

The agreement will be signed here on Monday. Two hundred of the Headquarters staff of the FAO, which total 800, will move to Rome at the beginning of February.—Reuter.

## Desert Memories



North African veterans gathered in London earlier this month for the El Alamein reunion at Earl's Court. The surprise of the evening—a camel carrying "two types" into the arena for their nostalgic skit on life as it was in the desert.

## New Chancellor



Mr Hugh Gaitskell, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, pictured on his arrival in London from a conference in New York after his appointment.

## Jews Do Not Ask For Free Ride

Washington, Oct. 29.  
The Jews of Israel "do not ask for any free ride to economic or political security," Mrs Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour in the Israeli Government, said here last night.

Mrs Myerson outlined Israel's situation before some 2,500 persons attending a national planning conference for Israel and Jewish rehabilitation.

The conference, which began on Thursday, is mapping plans to set Israel \$1,000 million in help from the United States. It is hoped to raise this sum through loans, governmental grants, investments by private business and contributions to the United Jewish Appeal.

The financial aid programme for Israel would extend over a three-year period, with the people of Israel itself to supply another \$500 million in self-help.

Last night's meeting was presided over by Mr Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury. Mr Morgenthau has headed the Jewish Appeal since 1947.

Mrs Myerson said that Israel had already reached a point in its growth "where we have the potential to borrow funds and, by our own labour and resourcefulness, repay every penny."

"We are striving to achieve independence economically as well as politically," she declared in a prepared talk. "We have already demonstrated that we are a good risk."

Said said that residents of Israel still face rationing of food, clothing and other items "or some time."

## Yugoslav-Greek Relations

Belgrade, Oct. 29.  
The Belgrade newspaper, Politika, today advocated the establishment of normal relations between Yugoslavia and Greece.

The main things blocking normal relations appeared to be the question of the return to Greece of Greek children taken to Yugoslavia during the civil war and the problem of the Macedonian minority in Greece, it said.

"Practice has shown that many States have established normal relations despite far more serious obstacles than those mentioned by the Greeks," the newspaper said, referring to railway traffic, posts and the exchange of diplomatic representatives.

Both Greece and Yugoslavia appointed Ministers to each other's capitals earlier this year after a break of four years.—Reuter.

## WANT AMERICAN AS SUPREMO

Washington, Oct. 29.  
The Defence Ministers of the North Atlantic Powers are expected to recommend to President Truman tomorrow the appointment of an American "as soon as possible" as the Supreme Commander of the combined North Atlantic Army in Europe.

President Truman is expected to nominate for the post General Dwight D. Eisenhower as soon as certain formalities have been concluded.—Reuter.

## Lower Austria Elections

Vienna, Oct. 29.  
Town and Country Council elections took place today in 21 communities in Lower Austria, in the Russian Zone.

The Catholic People's Party increased their seats from 143 to 160. The Socialists secured 58 seats instead of 74, while the Communists lost the only two seats they had won at the last elections.—Reuter.

## KING SENDS GREETINGS

London, Oct. 29.  
His Majesty the King has sent the following message to the President of the Turkish Republic: "It is with great pleasure, Mr President, that I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the 27th anniversary of the foundation of the Turkish Republic to send you my cordial greetings."

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## PRODUCTION UP

Petroleum production in the fields had substantially increased this year, and should be considerably above the 8,500,000 gallons produced last year, he added.

This was, of course, far short of the 270,000,000 gallons that Burma produced before the war, and the Government was keen that rehabilitation work should be resumed without delay.

Mr Raschid said that he told the Petroleum Committee that

## INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

1. Last week, I sent out to each of 10 pamphlets. The correct solution was: (m + 10) (n - 5) = mn + 10n - 5m - 50. The correct solution was: (m + 10) (n - 5) = mn + 10n - 5m - 50.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers:  
1. Doing nothing, idle, sluggish. 2. Baden-Baden, Germany. 3. Of the shells of minute animals that lived centuries ago. 4. As it should be. 5. The external face or principal front. 6. Gregorian, Chinese, Jewish and Mohammedan.

## PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post and Hong Kong Telegraph Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

## ORDERS BOOKED

# BURMA READY TO RESUME OIL NEGOTIATIONS

Geneva, Oct. 29.  
Burma has told the Petroleum Committee of the International Labour Organisation here that she expects soon to resume negotiations with oil companies for joint exploitation of the Upper Burma oilfields.

A usually reliable source here said that the oil companies had approached the Burmese Government for the resumption of the Rangoon talks, which were abandoned last year because of rebel activity in Upper Burma.

The oil wells region now has been reported "restored to order." The original talks were on the basis that the Government would subscribe between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000, or 40 percent of the sum needed to rehabilitate Burma's war-devastated oilfields.

Mr A. Raschid, the leader of the Burmese Government delegation to the Petroleum Committee, told Reuter today that while the pipeline to Rangoon was still subject to interference by isolated pockets of insurgents, the Irrawaddy River was clear, and petrol barges were moving regularly down the river.

## BURMESE VIEW

The Burmese point of view was that under-developed and newly independent countries like Burma did not have the resources to do intensive welfare work in one particular industry, because they were faced with the vast problem of raising the general living conditions.

Burma, therefore, felt that for the time being the responsibility for welfare work in the oilfields, particularly as regards housing, should lie with the companies.

This view had found support among some other Government delegations, notably those of Argentina, Venezuela and Mexico.

Fourteen oil-producing countries have sent Government employers' and workers' delegates to the Committee session here.—Reuter.

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